



Lemon Grove's Small Business Relief Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

July 27, 2020

Q: Does having a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) Loan disqualify you or make you less likely to get a Small Business Relief Grant from Lemon Grove?

A: You are still eligible for this grant however you are required to disclose if you were granted a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) or EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan). Priority will be given to those who have not received funding from these programs.

Q: "Is your business closed..." – Physical location is closed, but the business is operating minimally online. Will this affect your chance of being eligible for the Lemon Grove Small Business Grant?

A: No. It should be noted that the business that is applying for the grant must have a physical (brick and mortar) location in Lemon Grove. If it is closed or has been closed due to COVID-19 as long as it plans to reopen, it should not impact your eligibility.

Q: Do you count as an employees, even if you do not collect a salary?

A: Yes.

Q: Are non-profit 501c Corp with employees eligible to apply for the grant?

A: No. Lemon Grove's Small Business Relief Grant Program is offered to for-profit businesses. Please refer to our website for more information about eligibility, lemongrove.ca.gov/smallbusinessreliefgrant.

Q: Are those self-employed qualified for the grant?

A: Yes. Please refer to our website for more information about eligibility, lemongrove.ca.gov/smallbusinessreliefgrant.

Q: How can you check that the business license is up to date?

A: If you do not have a current copy of your Lemon Grove Business License for calendar year -2020, the City will look this information up for you. Please do not contact the City for this item if you do not have it.

Q: Is this first come first served, or will applicants be considered after the deadline?

A: Yes, this grant will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Applications that are 100% completed and submitted by the deadline will be reviewed in that order. In addition, priority will be given to those who have not received a PPP or EIDL. No application received after the deadline of August 6, 2020 at 5PM will be accepted.

Q: How much is the interest rate?

A: This is a grant not a loan therefore there is no interest.

Q: I am the sole proprietor with no employees, am I eligible for a grant?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I list a P.O. Box to send the funding?

A: No. It must be a physical address.

Q: Proof of assistance for the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) and EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) is difficult, how can I prove I applied?

A: The applicant must disclose whether they have received funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) by selecting the appropriate Yes or No checkboxes on their application. No additional information is required.

Q: Can you be an internet business only?

A: No, you must operate out of a physical (brick & mortar) establishment.

Q: Are non-profit 507c7 Nonprofit with employees eligible?

A: No. Lemon Grove's Small Business Relief Grant Program is offered to for-profit businesses. Please refer to our website for more information about eligibility, lemongrove.ca.gov/smallbusinessreliefgrant.

Q: My business license is expired, can I renew it ASAP and still qualify?

A: No, you must have a current business license as of March 12, 2020.

Q: What is the Definition of a small business?

A: The applicant must be a small business and have 20 or less full-time, or equivalent combination of full time and part time employees (two part time employees equals one full time employee), including the owner as of March 1st.

Q: Will a list of those awarded the grant be made public?

A: Yes, once the awardees have been determined a public list will be displayed on the City's webpage.

Q: How do I demonstrate that my business has the need for financial support due to business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency?

A: If your business has been closed or partially closed, which is reported on the application, your need has been demonstrated and no additional information is necessary. If your business has remained fully operational, you must provide documentation of ONE of the following:

- Sales from the business are down more than 25% compared to December-February sales (provide sales reports December-February versus March-May, or if easier January-March versus April-June)
- The business has had to lay off at least one employee (provide payroll report by employee before and after layoff)

Q: Does it matter if I submit the application through email or in-person?

A: No, choose whichever is easiest for you. Emails submissions will be recorded as received on the date/time the email is received in the inbox of the smallbusinessgrant@lemongrove.ca.gov email address. In-person submissions will be date/time stamped when handed to City staff. In-person applications will only be accepted during City Hall business hours, Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm.